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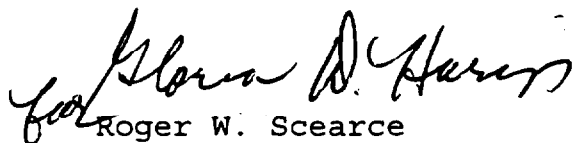
SUBJECT: Change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Adding TRICARE
Selected Reserve Dental Program (TSRDP) (DFAS Item G-34)

This is DFAS Interim Change 32-97 to the DoDFMR, Vol 7A.
This change is effective immediately.

We have evaluated your comments on the draft change to the DoDFMR, Vol 7A. The attached final version of the change includes your comments where appropriate. Assignment of an interim change number is your authority to start a procedural modification, if necessary, to facilitate this change. For the Denver Center, use the attached to initiate the formal printed change to the DoDFMR and the interim change.

For DFAS-DE/FJE, the OASD(HA) draft policy memorandum you asked about in your correspondence of September 26, 1997, was never finalized. The authority for the program, 32 CFR 199.21, is cited in the bibliography change and the Support Services Agreement (SSA). OASD(HA)/HSF has approved and is currently staffing the agreement for signature at USCG, DMDC, and DFAS, respectively.

Our point of contact, Ms. Ann Cook, may be contacted at DSN 327-5059 or Commercial (703) 607-5059.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger W. Searce".

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Attachment:
As stated

cc: DASD (MMP) (COMP)
ODGC (F)
DFAS-DE/DG
Service Liaisons
USCG/NOAA/PHS Liaisons

1. In the Table of Contents, page xxxviii, change the title and contents of **Chapter 54** to read:

CHAPTER 54 TRICARE DENTAL PLANS

5401 TRICARE FAMILY MEMBER DENTAL PLAN.....399

5402 TRICARE SELECTED RESERVE DENTAL PLAN.....400.1"

2. In the text, renumber each of the current paragraphs and subparagraphs in and rename the title of **Chapter 54** to read:

**"CHAPTER 54
TRICARE DENTAL PLANS**

5401 TRICARE FAMILY MEMBER DENTAL PLAN (TFMDP)

540101 ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

540102 ENROLLMENT

540102A Initial Enrollment

540102B Voluntary Changes to Enrollment Status

**540102C Involuntary Changes to Enrollment Status Due to
Loss or Gain in Dependent Eligibility**

540103 DISENROLLMENT

540103A Voluntary Disenrollment

540103B Separation or Absence

540103C Loss of Eligibility

540103C(1) The member gets...

540103C(2) The member's only...

540103C(3) All enrolled...

540103C(4) All enrolled...

540103D Other Dental Insurance

540104 EXCEPTIONS TO THE MINIMUM ENROLLMENT PERIOD

540104A Orders

540104B Areas Where FMDP is not offered

540104C Orders From Overseas Area

540105 DEDUCTIONS FOR FMDP

540105A Monthly Premium.

540105B Retroactive Adjustment."

3. Add the following new section to Chapter 54 to read:

"5402 TRICARE SELECTED RESERVE DENTAL PLAN

540201 GENERAL PROVISIONS

540201A Definitions The following terms may vary from Definitions at the beginning of this manual and are applicable to this chapter only:

540201A1 Covered Beneficiary. A member of a uniformed service (beneficiary) entitled under chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, other than a beneficiary under section 1074(a) of such title.

540201A2 TRICARE Program. The term means the managed health care program that is established by the Secretary of Defense under the authority of chapter 55 of title 10, USC, principally section 1097 of such title, and includes the competitive selection of contractors to financially underwrite the delivery of health care services under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services.

540202 ENTITLEMENT

540202A Members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve can voluntarily enroll in the dental insurance plan. The plan will provide for premium sharing between the Department of Defense and the members enrolled in the plan.

540202B The member's share may not exceed \$25 per month. The Secretary of Defense may reduce the monthly premium required to be paid by enlisted members if the Secretary determines that the reduction is appropriate in order to assist enlisted members to participate in the TSRDP. Interested eligible selected reservists may contact the dental contractor to obtain the premium cost for the current period.

540202C The TSRDP provides benefits for basic dental care and treatment, including diagnostic services, preventative services, basic restorative services, and emergency oral examinations.

540203 **ENROLLMENT** Effective 1 October 1997, all eligible Selected Reservists will be identified to a contractor. The contractor is responsible for enrolling eligible members and collection of 4 months prepayment for premiums. After the initial enrollment and prepayment, the contractor will provide an electronic file, monthly, through the Defense Manpower Data Center to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Centers and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Center to identify enrollees.

540204 **DEDUCTIONS** Effective 1 November 1997, all enrollees identified in the electronic file to DFAS and USCG centers by the contractor will have the monthly premium deducted from any monies due. If the member is due no funds, or less than the entire amount of the premium, the contractor will be responsible for billing the member direct for that premium.

540205 **FAILURE TO MAKE PREMIUM PAYMENTS** Failure to make monthly premium payments will result in disenrollment from the TSRDP and subject the member to a 12 month lock out period. Following the lock out period, eligible members may reenroll if they so chose.

540206 **TERMINATIONS** Coverage of TSRDP shall terminate on the last day of the month in which the member is discharged, transfers to the Individual Ready Reserve, Standby Reserve, or Retired Reserve, or is ordered to active duty for a period of more than 30 days."

4. Change the Bibliography to read:

"Paragraph

Citation

Chapter 54-Dental Plans

5401-TRICARE-Family Member

Dental Plan

540101	10 U.S.C.1076a DoDD 6410.3,16 Aug 1989
540104C	DoD(OCHAMPUS)Memo, 24 Mar 1995
540105A	DoD(OCHAMPUS)Memo, 15 Apr 1996

5402-TRICARE-Selected Reserve

Dental Plan

540201	10 U.S.C.1076b 32 CFR 199.21
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